

California Medical Association

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Held in Conference Room No. 3 at the Biltmore, Los Angeles, California, Saturday, September 26, 1925, at 10 a. m.

Present—Doctors Parkinson, Kiger, De Lappe, Beattie, Smith, McLeod, Peers, Kress, Shoemaker, Gibbons, Curtiss, Ewer, McArthur, Pope, and General Counsel Peart.

Absent—Doctors Kinney, Edwards, Coffey, Bine, and Catton.

Invited—Doctor MacGowan.

Minutes of the Council—On motion of Gibbons, seconded by De Lappe, it was

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, and 156th meetings of the Council, as mailed to each member thereof, be approved.

Minutes of the Eighty-third Meeting of the Executive Committee—The secretary read the minutes of the eighty-third meeting of the Executive Committee, held Thursday, June 18, 1925.

Action by the Council—On motion of De Lappe, seconded by Gibbons, it was

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the eighty-third meeting of the Executive Committee be approved as read.

Minutes of the Eighty-fourth Meeting of the Executive Committee—The secretary read the minutes of the eighty-fourth meeting of the Executive Committee, held Tuesday, June 30, 1925.

Action by the Council—On motion of McArthur, seconded by Ewer, it was

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the eighty-fourth meeting of the Executive Committee be approved as read.

Minutes of the Eighty-fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee—The secretary read the minutes of the eighty-fifth meeting of the Executive Committee, held Thursday, August 6, 1925.

Action by the Council—On motion of Ewer, seconded by Kiger, it was

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the eighty-fifth meeting of the Executive Committee be approved as revised.

Financial Statements—Financial statements for June, July, and August, 1925, were approved as submitted, as follows:

June, 1925

Total receipts for June.....	\$ 4,036.65
Total expenses for June.....	5,610.10

Loss for June.....	\$ 1,573.45
Net Gain for five months.....	24,079.34

Total net gain for 1925.....	\$22,505.79
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Cash on hand—Bank, January 1, 1925	\$18,790.11
Cash on hand—Revolving Fund	200.00
Cash on hand—Petty cash	50.00
	19,040.11

Total cash on hand June 30, 1925.....	\$41,545.90
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July, 1925

Total receipts for July.....	\$ 4,828.30
Total expenses for July.....	4,758.49

Gain for July	\$ 69.81
Gain for six months.....	22,505.79

Total net gain for 1925.....	\$22,575.60
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Cash on hand—Bank, January 1, 1925	\$18,790.11
Cash on hand—Revolving Fund	200.00
Cash on hand—Petty cash	50.00
	19,040.11

Total cash on hand July 31, 1925.....	\$41,615.71
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August, 1925

Total receipts for August.....	\$ 3,188.32
Total expenses for August (includes loan to I. D. F.).....	6,311.14

Loss for August.....	\$ 3,122.82
Gain for seven months.....	22,575.60

Total net gain for 1925.....	\$19,452.78
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Cash on hand—Bank, January 1, 1925	\$18,790.11
Cash on hand—Revolving Fund	200.00
Cash on hand—Petty cash	50.00
Cash on hand—Salary Fund.....	1,516.67
	\$20,556.78

Total cash on hand, August 31, 1925.....	\$40,009.56
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Date of 1926 State Meeting—The secretary stated that the date of the 1926 meeting of the American Medical Association had been fixed as of April 19 to 23, to be held in Dallas, Texas. The Executive Committee recommended that the California Medical Association hold their meeting the week following, from April 26 to May 1, inclusive; the first two days to be called the pre-convention period, the last four the convention proper; and that speakers from the American Medical Association be invited to conduct pre-convention clinics on the mornings of April 26 and 27. The question of paying the expenses of the invited speakers was discussed.

Action by the Council—On motion of De Lappe, seconded by Dudley Smith, it was

RESOLVED, That the date of the 1926 meeting be fixed as of April 26 to May 1.

On motion of Kress, seconded by Smith, it was

RESOLVED, That the Program Committee be authorized to select the speakers for the pre-convention period, and that the expenses of such speakers be defrayed by the society, viz., hotel expenses and railroad fare, and expenses from Dallas to Oakland and return.

Amendments to the By-Laws—The secretary presented the proposed amendments to the By-Laws, Chapter III and Chapter VI. After discussion the Chair appointed the General Counsel and Doctor Kress a committee of two to consider the advisability of the changes and to report at a later meeting.

Amendments to Constitution of California Association of Medical Social Workers—The secretary reported that if the proposed change raised the standards of social workers Doctor Musgrave favored it, and stated that Mr. Sullivan requested further time for consideration and investigation. It was the sense of the Council that action be deferred pending Celestine J. Sullivan's report.

Signature on Vouchers—The secretary spoke of the advisability of authorizing a third person to sign vouchers for the association, and recommended that in the absence or illness of either member of the Auditing Committee, the president or the president-elect be authorized to sign vouchers.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kiger, seconded by Gibbons, it was

RESOLVED, That the president or president-elect be authorized to sign vouchers in the absence or illness of either member of the Auditing Committee.

Health Insurance for California Medical Association Employees—The question of health insurance for California Medical Association employees was discussed. The secretary submitted reports from various companies. After discussion it was decided that the Order of Railway Employees offered the most favorable opportunities.

Action by the Council—On motion of Peers, seconded by Shoemaker, it was

RESOLVED, That the office staff of the California Medical Association be insured for health and accident in the Order of Railway Employees, and that these policies be written to cover all assistants to the secretary and editor, and that the entire premium be paid by the California Medical Association.

Redistribution of Councilor Districts—The secretary reported that councilor action controlled redistribution of councilor districts and requested action on the change of Kern County from the second to the fourth district, and of Orange County from the first to the second district.

Action by the Council—On motion of McArthur, seconded by Kiger, it was

RESOLVED, That the Council approve the change of Kern County from the second to the fourth district, and Orange County from the first to the second district.

State Program—The secretary submitted the plan approved by the Executive Committee for state program and suggested that the Oakland Committee on Arrangements have charge of the pre-convention clinics, and reported that the Committee on Arrangements requested permission to have smokers on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kiger, seconded by Kress, it was

RESOLVED, That the program as submitted be adopted; that the Program Committee have charge of the convention clinics, but may co-operate with the Arrangements Committee, and that smokers be deferred until the close of the House of Delegates meetings.

Physicians Income Tax Deductions—Granville MacGowan presented correspondence had with W. C. Woodward, Secretary Bureau of Legal Medicine and Legislation of the American Medical Association, and Senator Shortridge, and submitted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The California Medical Association believes that the amendment about to be made to the Income Tax law should, in fairness and justice, include the specific allowance as deductions from taxable income, of the expenses of professional men while engaged in post-graduate work and study; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Honorable Hiram W. Johnson and Honorable S. M. Shortridge, Senators from California, and the Representatives from California, be respectfully requested to use their best efforts to embody such amendment in the revision of said law in the coming session of Congress; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, together with copy of the proposed amendment to the Income Tax law be furnished to each of said Senators and the Representatives from California.

It was the sense of the Council that the report of the chairman be accepted with approbation and warm commendation.

Adjournment—There being no further business, the Council adjourned to meet in the same room at 2 p. m.

Held in Conference Room No. 3 of the Biltmore, Los Angeles, California, Saturday, September 26, 1925, at 2 p. m.

Present—Doctors Parkinson, Kiger, De Lappe, Beattie, Smith, McLeod, Peers, Kress, Shoemaker, Gibbons, Curtiss, Ewer, McArthur, Pope, and General Counsel Peart.

Absent—Doctors Kinney, Edwards, Coffey, Bine, Catton.

Hospital Bond—Report by secretary. Letter from Rene Bine submitted. It was the sense of the Council that the secretary be instructed to write the insurance company and ask their representative to get in touch with the General Counsel, as complaints from several hospitals have been received.

Membership Directory—The secretary advised that if telephone numbers were included the cost of the membership directory would be approximately \$2000. Advisability of including telephone numbers was discussed.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by De Lappe, it was

RESOLVED, That the association hold to the form instituted last year; that the price of the directory be fixed at \$1; and that upon recommendation of the secretary, telephone numbers be omitted.

History of the California Medical Association—Letter from Emmet Rixford, chairman of the committee, was submitted. The secretary advised that Doctor Rixford was unable to submit a progress report, having just returned from Europe. Doctor Rixford requested information as to the field to be covered, and ruling as to where the data collected was to be stored.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by Smith, it was

RESOLVED, That the chairman of the Council should be empowered to enlarge the Committee on Historical Research to such number as will permit of securing suitable material locally; and that the material accumulated be placed in the Lane Medical Library, San Francisco.

Committee on Prenatal Care—The secretary advised

that the report of Reginald Knight Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Prenatal Care, had been received. Discussion was had as to the cost of publication and method of distribution.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by Shoemaker, it was

RESOLVED, That the final report of Reginald Knight Smith be accepted with thanks and referred to the Executive Committee with power to have same printed and distributed.

Clinical Prizes—The secretary informed the Council that Doctor Hewlett had tendered his resignation as chairman of the committee, on account of illness.

Action by the Council—On motion of McArthur, seconded by Shoemaker, it was

RESOLVED, That the resignation of Doctor Hewlett be accepted with regret; and that the question of clinical prizes and rules governing same be referred to the Executive Committee.

Industrial Medicine Practice—The resignation of Doctor Sol Hyman, chairman of the committee, was submitted to the Council.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by Shoemaker, it was

RESOLVED, That the resignation of Sol Hyman, as chairman of the committee, be accepted with regret, and that the best thanks of the Council be given for the generous service rendered.

Application for Associate Membership—Morton R. Gibbons reported that Doctor Leach had joined the Alabama Medical Society, and therefore wished to withdraw his application for membership in the California Medical Association.

Yosemite Hospital—The secretary reported on letters received from various Congressmen, advising that \$35,000 for the building of a hospital at Yosemite has been included in the yearly budget.

Medical Officers' Reserve Corps—Letter from J. Wilson Shields, chairman of the committee, was read by the chairman.

Auditors for 1925—The secretary submitted a report on auditors for 1925. It was the sense of the Council that the secretary be authorized to employ Hugh Ross to audit the books for the association for the current year.

Sciences Allied to Medicine—Letter from Doctor Olin West, Secretary of the American Medical Association, was read by the chairman. No action taken.

Advertising by Journal—The secretary brought up the request of the editor for space in "Western Advertising."

Action by the Council—On motion of De Lappe, seconded by McArthur, it was

RESOLVED, That the editor of the Journal be authorized to advertise CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE in the January, 1926, issue of "Western Advertising."

Request From American Medical Association Legal Department for Opinion of Council on Traffic Laws for Physicians—Letter from William C. Woodward, Secretary Bureau of Legal Medicine and Legislation, American Medical Association, was read by secretary, and the question of various insignias used by physicians discussed.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by Smith, it was

RESOLVED, That the General Counsel be requested to investigate this question and submit to the Council at a subsequent meeting such suggestions as he may deem proper.

Communication from W. C. Woodward to be acknowledged and placed on file.

Model Constitution and By-Laws for State Societies—The secretary presented copy of Model Constitution and By-Laws, furnished the society by Olin West, Secretary of the American Medical Association.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by Kiger, it was

RESOLVED, That the secretary be requested to write to the American Medical Association for sufficient copies, to permit mailing one to each member of the Council; and that, meanwhile, the matter be referred to the General Counsel for investigation.

Appointment of Member on the Scientific Program to Fill the Unexpired Term of Roland Skeel—The

Council was advised of the death of Roland E. Skeel, member of the Committee on Scientific Program, and it was suggested that the secretary of the Section of General Medicine or Surgery succeed him.

Action by the Council—On motion of Shoemaker, seconded by Gibbons, it was

RESOLVED, That J. Marion Read, Secretary of the General Medicine Section, be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Roland E. Skeel on the Scientific Program Committee.

Held in Conference Room No. 3 at the Biltmore, Los Angeles, California, Saturday, September 26, 1925, at 8 p. m.

Present—Doctors Parkinson, Kiger, De Lappe, Smith, Kress, Shoemaker, Gibbons, Ewer, McArthur, Pope, and General Counsel Peart, and members engaged in Industrial Medicine at Los Angeles and vicinity, by invitation. (About twenty-five in all.)

Absent—Doctors Kinney, Edwards, Beattie, Coffey, McLeod, Peers, Bine, Curtiss, and Catton.

Industrial Medicine Practice—The question of Industrial Medicine practice was brought up, and the General Counsel submitted rules governing same. After full discussion, it was the sense of the Council that the General Counsel should prepare revised rules, as discussed in detail at the meeting, copies of which would be sent to the secretaries of the San Francisco and Los Angeles societies, and each member of the committee of fifteen for suggestions, after which they would again be referred back to the Council.

Committee on Publicity—Doctor Kress submitted the following further report for the Committee on Publicity:

"On the subject of securing wider publicity among the laity on matters having to do with the conservation of the public health, it is the sense of this Board of Councilors of the California Medical Association that the public health activities of the League for the Conservation of Public Health have the endorsement of this Council; and that county medical units of this California Medical Association be urged to secure the fullest possible co-operation of their members in the work of the League, and, further, that the Council urges all other public health agencies desiring to carry on work in California having similar objects to those of the League for the Conservation of Public Health to co-operate in fullest harmony and measure with the said League."

It was the sense of the Council that copy of the resolutions of the Council be sent to the Gorgas Memorial, and copy also be sent to Doctor James F. Percy for his information.

Amendments to the By-Laws—The General Counsel submitted the following amendment to Chapter III of the by-laws of the California State Medical Association.

CHAPTER III

No delegate or alternate whose name has not been certified in writing as such by his county unit, through its president or secretary, and filed in the office of the secretary at least seven days prior to the annual meeting shall be entitled to a seat in the House of Delegates; and no delegate absent, without prior notification to his county secretary or secretary of this association, shall be eligible for representation the following year; and it shall be the duty of the secretary to mail a list of all absent delegates to the proper county units.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by Smith, it was

RESOLVED, That the amendments to Chapter III of the by-laws of the California Medical Association be approved as read, and recommended to the House of Delegates for adoption at the next meeting thereof.

Adjournment—There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Alameda County Medical Association (reported by Pauline S. Nusbaumer, secretary)—The meeting of the association was held Monday evening, September 21, President Mehrmann in the chair.

Edgar Lorrington Gilcreest, M. D., in his paper, "Luncheon Glimpses of Sir William Osler During the

World War," gave personal reminiscences of this great physician as he saw him during the World War, where he was consultant to one of the hospitals in Southern England in 1915, where Dr. Gilcreest was serving at that time with the American Red Cross. He did not attempt to give a biographical sketch of Osler, but concerned himself chiefly with the personal and human side. He pointed out Osler's bright philosophy, and told many stories which revealed his inimitable charm and magnetism. His influence, he said, affected the destinies of young men who studied under him more than any teacher of his generation. How Osler revolutionized the teaching of medicine on this continent makes one of the most brilliant chapters in medical history, and is in part responsible for the high place which America enjoys today in the scientific world. He related that it was Osler's book, "The Principles and Practice of Medicine," which attracted the attention of Mr. Rockefeller, whose interest in medical research culminated in the establishment of the Rockefeller Foundation, and whose total contributions reached, the week that Osler died, the colossal sum of \$300,000,000. Dr. Gilcreest continued by saying if these millions had not been turned into this channel for the alleviation of human suffering all over the world, inestimable, indeed, would have been the loss to the world. His high place in medical history as a physician is assured, but he should also have, and with an increasing knowledge of his work will have, a high place in the minds of all as a philanthropist.

"Some Causes and the Care of Stammering—A Wartime Development" was the subject of Mr. Robert Lloyd's address. He based his conclusions on a lifetime study and practice of the voice, as a public singer, teacher and lecturer. He affirmed that there are fixed laws which govern all uses of the voice, and demonstrated these laws in the course of his address, and stated that once understood and learned, the use of these laws would relieve any case of stammering. He also told of his army experiences as instructor in six different camps, during which time the impressive total of 350,000 men went through his classes.

On September 27 the American Women's Overseas League of San Francisco and the Eastbay regions held exercises at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital at Livermore, dedicating the women's ward. With the opening of this hospital last April, the Veterans' Bureau established a women's unit of twenty-four beds for the treatment of disabled ex-service women. The American Women's Overseas League assumed the responsibility of beautifying this ward. They furnished its large recreation room in a most attractive and artistic manner. Upon completion of this work, dedication exercises were held, to which the friends of the American Women's Overseas League and the public-at-large were invited to see what had been accomplished and to dedicate it to the service of the disabled ex-service women. Miss Marian Crocker, president of the American Women's Overseas League of California, introduced Mrs. E. K. Sturgis, chairman of the Hospital Committee, who made a beautiful and appropriate address before a large audience. One of the ex-service women patients replied by expressing their appreciation for the splendid things the American Women's Overseas League had done for their comfort and happiness. Other speakers on the program were Mr. John Garthwaite, chairman of the day; Congressman Albert E. Carter, Mr. Joseph R. Knowland, and Colonel P. S. Rawls, medical officer in charge of the Veterans' Hospital at Livermore.

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Contra Costa County Medical Society (reported by L. St. John Hely, secretary)—The regular monthly meeting of the Contra Costa County Medical Society was held Saturday evening, September 26, at the Abbott Emergency Hospital, Richmond.

Walter C. Alvarez, M. D., of San Francisco lectured on the diagnosis in relation to the digestive tract. It was a most valuable lecture; it covered the ground that any general practitioner or specialist, no matter what line he is in, will meet daily. The doctor is an interesting lecturer, and will be welcome in the future to our society.

The next meeting will be held at Walnut Creek, in October. The society have their minds set upon a moving

picture machine, which will be used during the coming winter.

S. N. Weils of Selby was elected a member, and we are sure he will be a valuable acquisition. The following were present:

G. M. Bumgarner, Denninger-Keser, H. L. Carpenter, Hall Vestal, L. St. John Hely, E. R. Guinan, Mrs. Gardell, R. N., Mrs. Purviance, R. N., Richmond; Agnes Driscoll, R. N.; Clara Thompson; C. E. Camp, San Pablo; S. N. Weil, Selby; J. W. Bumgarner, M. D.

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Sacramento County for Medical Improvement (reported by Bert L. Thomas, secretary)—The largest attended regular meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held at the Sacramento Hotel on Tuesday, September 15, 1925. Fifty-eight doctors were in attendance. These included Doctors Farmer, Farrell, Scatena, Zimmerman, Thomas, Nahl, Windmuller, Turner, H. Hall, W. E. Briggs, Fay, Cress, Yates, McMullin, W. R. Briggs, Schoff, Loizeaux, Pitts, Foster, Thom, Wells, G. Hall, Azevedo, Schluter, Babcock, Beach, Wahrer, Baird, Scribner, Dillon, C. B. Jones, Lindsay, Snyder, Wilder, Christman, Howard, Hagerty, Lipp, Grazer, Reardan, Klick, Brendell, Krull, Brown, Burden, Burke, Schell, Captain Mix, Drew, and Eber. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. No case reports.

The paper of the evening was ably presented by Harold Zimmerman; its title was "The Present Status of X-ray Therapy." Zimmerman reviewed the early history of this particular treatment. He compared the various rays with other forms of energy; pointed out the difference between hard and soft rays, the use of screening, the methods of application, the usual dosages, and described various methods of determining exact dosages in different parts of the body. He carefully grouped type doses into three classes—those that stimulate, those that inhibit, and those that destroy. Under this classification a vast army of pathological lesions were briefly reviewed. In the discussion of the paper, Schoff pointed out that few skin men use screening. They take advantage of the soft ray, as well as the hard ray. He reviewed the present status of the use of the ray in psoriasis, hyperidrosis, ringworm, epilation, and on various types of warts. Thom described the apparatus used, at the present time, at the Sutter Hospital. He mentioned, in addition, that x-ray dosage was now as clearly defined in therapy as any of the more exact drugs that are included in the last edition of the Pharmacopoeia. Wahrer inquired about the authenticity of one of the statements made by Zimmerman "that on several occasions it had been noted, after x-ray therapy had been applied to a cancerous tumor, distant tumors had retrogressed without any direct application of the ray." He attributed this to the probable formation of antibodies to attack the cancer at a distance. In closing, Zimmerman regretted the fact that W. A. Briggs, the dean of x-ray therapists in these parts, could not add to the evening's paper. In answer to Wahrer, he stated that the observations quoted above did occasionally occur; the surmise of antibodies is merely theoretical.

Applications of Charles I. Titus, Clyde G. Reynolds, Edward P. Moser, and Hans Frank Schluter were read for the first time.

Communications were introduced from Mrs. Brittain regarding the Exchange; Mrs. Mortell, regarding her collecting system, and from Colonel Edward L. Munson, regarding the organization of a hospital train and medical laboratory, from within the membership of the society.

Brendell moved, and Reardon seconded, that the society go on record for sponsoring the Medico Military Units allocated to this community, and that a questionnaire be prepared by the secretary to inquire about the possibility of supplying the medical personnel required for this service. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned to the banquet hall, where not the least interesting portion of the evening was spent in listening to W. E. Briggs relate interesting excerpts from his trip around the world. Farmer and McMullin also added complimentary remarks to close the evening.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

San Bernardino County Medical Society (reported by E. J. Eytinge, secretary)—A meeting was held October 6 at Loma Linda. There were fifty present. The meeting was called to order by the president at 7:30. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Report of the secretary-treasurer was read and accepted. Dues for the ensuing year were fixed at \$15. The following officers were elected: President, A. N. Donaldson of Loma Linda; First Vice-President, Walter Pritchard of Colton; Second Vice-President, K. L. Dole of Redlands; Secretary-Treasurer, E. J. Eytinge of Redlands.

Delegate for the state convention was elected: A. N. Donaldson.

Alternate for the state convention was elected: E. L. Tisinger.

After a banquet furnished by Loma Linda, the program was as follows:

Address by retiring president. Councilor's report by C. L. Curtiss. Address: "The Practice of Medicine Is a Religion," by Dr. Cornelius Van Zwalenburg.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY

San Diego County Medical Society (reported by Robert Pollock)—The joint staff meeting of the County General and Mercy Hospitals, held in the auditorium of the former on the evening of September 22, drew a good attendance. Many interesting cases, medical and surgical, were exhibited and discussed by members of the house staff. A. E. Elliott gave an interesting report of the experimental work recently carried on by E. B. Mundkowski and himself in the x-ray laboratories of the County Hospital to determine the efficacy of certain salts, when taken by mouth, in outlining the normal gall-bladder. They are at present limiting their observations to the use of sodium tetraiodophenolphthalein, and while the results reported upon were of extreme interest, still they must be looked upon as but expressing a preliminary report. Dr. Graham's method of outlining the normal gall-bladder has opened up a new avenue of approach to the study of this very important organ.

The president of the society, George B. Worthington, presented some very entertaining reels of moving pictures which he had gathered on his recent journeys to the California State Medical Association meeting at Yosemite Valley and the meeting of the American Medical Association at Atlantic City and some of the Eastern clinical centers. This is expressive of a legitimate hobby for physicians which may be made productive of both education and pleasureable interest to themselves, as well as entertainment to their friends.

A goodly number of our members have expressed themselves as intending to visit the Southern California Medical Association meeting in Los Angeles the first week-end in November.

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SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

The Medical and Surgical Colloquia are again being held on Tuesdays and Fridays at the San Francisco Hospital. At the last Surgical Colloquium, Emmet Rixford occupied the time on "Cholecystectomy," and at the Medical Colloquium on Friday, Harold Hill presented a case of acute hemorrhagic nephritis.

St. Lukes Hospital Report—The August report of St. Luke's Hospital shows 4289 patient days service; 302 operations; 1872 laboratory and 717 radiology services. The hospital served 37,515 meals at a cost of \$7,209.40. One thousand two hundred and one patients had service in the out-patient department. This splendid hospital has instituted an innovation in the form of a printed monthly bulletin, or "house organ," for the information of officers and employees of the hospital.

St. Joseph's Hospital Staff Discusses Gastric Surgery and Diagnosis of Heart Disease—At a recent meeting of the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital, Ernst Gehrels discussed "Progress in Gastric Surgery."

"Splanchnic anesthesia after the method of Braun," said the speaker, "is of great advantage for gastric surgery and is employed as a routine, especially when oper-

ating upon cancer. The danger of fatal pneumonia is largely eliminated by local anesthesia.

For cancer of the stomach the Billroth II-Polya method is employed, using a long loop of jejunum and adding a jejunal anastomosis in order to prevent congestion in the afferent loop (leakage at the blind closure of the duodenum is mostly due to this). The late results after a radical operation for cancer are encouraging, more than 25 per cent of the patients being alive and free from symptoms after five years or more, in the experience of Payr.

"For ulcer of the stomach gastro-enterostomy alone is inadvisable, as there has been recurrence of symptoms in 50 per cent or more of the patients, and there remain late dangers after gastro-enterostomy—bleeding, perforation, cancerous degeneration and peptic jejunal ulcer. The methods used in forty-three resections for ulcer (with three deaths) are transverse resection (17 cases), polya (23), Schnieden's step-shaped resection (1), and Bilroth I-Goepel (2).

"The mortality of resection can be reduced to 5 per cent or less by good technique. Regarding late results, the radical operations do not entirely eliminate recurrence of ulcer, but from 90 to 95 per cent of the patients can be permanently relieved of all symptoms. The operation is indicated only for those patients who have proved to be incurable by medical treatment."

Harry Spiro spoke on "Modern Diagnosis of Heart Lesions," when he said:

"The spirometer is useful to determine vital capacity, and offers an index of improvement. Metabolism outflits determine thyroid disturbances chiefly, which may cause hypertension, myocarditis, endocarditis, and irregularities. The electrocardiograph is costly, but indispensable in the diagnosis of 10 per cent of patients with heart lesion. Aortic lesions, auricular fibrillation and flutter, and the proper treatment with digitalis and quinidine are best controlled by it. Heart-block cannot often be diagnosed without it. Radiology, if intelligently used, is important. Apex murmurs can be differentiated by placing the patient in certain angles, and angina pectoris of the aortic type, amenable to treatment, can be diagnosed from that of myocardial origin."

The program for the next one of these interesting and profitable staff meetings, to be held November 18, includes "Talma Operation for Cirrhosis," by P. Colli-schonn. "Diagnosis of Unruptured Ectopic Pregnancy," by David Stafford. "Double Unilateral Dermoid," by John Newton. "Notes From Eastern Medical Centers," by T. I. James. "Interesting Pathological Specimens," by W. T. Cummins. "Unusual X-ray Demonstrations," by L. B. Crow.

Sister M. Sylvia, Superior of St. Joseph's Hospital, is to be complimented upon the splendid progressive spirit she is developing in the large staff of her hospital.

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Santa Barbara County Medical Society (Philip C. Means, secretary pro tem)—The first meeting following the summer vacation was held September 14 in the staff room of the Cottage Hospital, Vice-President Henderson presiding.

Minutes read and approved. The application of William McKee Moffat was approved and he was elected to membership. Correspondence was read from the Association for Medical Progress, the state secretary, and Manager Curtis of the hospital. Action was deferred to a later meeting.

The first paper of the program was "Some Phases of the Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis," by Edward W. Hayes, M.D., of Monrovia. It was of unusual interest and was the cause of much discussion, especially the phases of fresh-air baths, heliotherapy, diet, and the changes in our views of these factors.

Marian Williams, M.D., presented the late views and advances in the knowledge of anterior poliomyelitis, and the results of the Vermont survey and investigations, with the views of Lovett on treatment in the various stages. A very interesting and carefully prepared paper at an opportune time.

A regular meeting, according to Alex C. Soper Jr., secretary, was held at the Cottage Hospital Monday,

October 12, the second after the summer vacation. A study of fifty-six babies of the city, as presented by Horace Gray, M.D., under the title of "Observations on the American Legion Baby Show," proved an interesting analysis of a "cross-section" of infancy in the community.

The second paper of the evening, a surgical treatise on cancer of the colon, was not read, due to the temporary illness of its author. Correspondence and routine business occupied the time for a brief meeting.

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SONOMA COUNTY

Sonoma County Medical Society (reported by Guy A. Hunt, secretary)—The Sonoma County Medical Society met in Santa Rosa October 9. Doctor J. W. Seawell of Healdsburg gave a paper on "Urological Diagnosis by the General Practitioner." He also discussed a case of fracture of the sixth and seventh cervical vertebra, and one of collapse of the lung and showed x-ray films of each.

REPORT OF DELEGATES FROM THE C. M. A. TO THE A. M. A.

On account of the late date on which these reports were received by the editor, only abstracts are published:

Victor G. Vecki—Our State Society was entitled to five delegates, but was represented by only four: Albert Soiland, Los Angeles; Robert V. Day, Los Angeles; Lemuel P. Adams, Oakland; and Victor G. Vecki of San Francisco.

Soiland served on the Reference Committee of sections and section work. He displayed great ability and submitted the report of that committee in an excellent manner.

I submitted to the House of Delegates the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, That, in order to protect the best interests of the public, and promote the welfare of the general physician, that

1. Each and every properly elected delegate to the A. M. A. be appointed a committee of one, whose duty it will be to visit, at least once a year, each county unit in his district.

2. That the A. M. A., as a body, will use all its resources in assisting the committees to convey information to the county sections, which will keep them informed of matters which are inimical to the best interests of scientific medicine.

3. That each committee must report, by a signed statement, the result of this visit yearly.

In his enthusiastically received address, President-elect Haggard emphasized most energetically that effective organization is absolutely necessary, and pointed out that the profession has no right to blame Congress or any state legislature unless it has brought the situation to their attention in a timely, intelligent, and effective way. To do this requires effective organization.

When the Board of Trustees reported on my resolution the day after, they said: "On the resolution of Victor G. Vecki, that each member of the House of Delegates visit each county in his jurisdiction, and that the board support this to the full extent of its resources," the board recognizes that the principle underlying the resolution is sound. The board is now doing its utmost, and will continue to do all that it can to extend the visiting of official representatives to constituent parts of the association. In furthering this idea, the board will also make available to each delegate a digest of the proceedings of the annual sessions.

One of the most interesting features of the whole session was a visit from Honorable Hubert Work, the Secretary of the Interior, who was a member of the House of Delegates for eighteen years, its speaker for four years, and finally president of the American Medical Association. He did not forget his former associates, and delivered an address that warmed the heart of everyone present.

Albert Soiland—It has been my pleasure to serve the California Medical Association for five consecutive years as delegate. The 1925 session at Atlantic City was well attended, and the California delegation, consisting of

Vecki, Day, Adams and Soiland, were in evidence throughout the meeting.

Of the California delegates, Vecki easily shines as a leading light. His pointed remarks, tempered with wit and good humor, are always well received by the House.

The resolution on medical ethics, authorized by the California Medical Association, which I introduced before the House, was referred to the Judicial Council. The Council reported back as follows:

"With respect to the resolution offered by Albert Soiland of California, the Judicial Council is of the opinion that the constitution and by-laws of state and county societies provide for penalties to be imposed for violations of the principles of medical ethics, and that this is a matter for determination by those bodies."

This report, upon motion and seconded, was unanimously adopted.

For several years I have served on the Reference Committee on Sections and Section work, and this year during the temporary absence of the chairman, Dr. Abt, the speaker appointed me chairman pro tem., and in this capacity I had the pleasure to report to the House of Delegates that the committee had acted favorably upon a former resolution creating a section on radiology. This was of signal interest to me because I had personally been active in the work which made this section possible. It may be apropos to state that the meeting place assigned for the new section was filled to standing room only for each session—surely a sign that the section was in demand.

The business of the House of Delegates was executed with less friction and with more good feeling than at any former meeting which I have attended.

Lemuel P. Adams—I have only a brief report to submit.

I attended all of the sessions and was an interested spectator, but did not take any active part.

The routine business proceeded in a machine-like manner, and was satisfactory to all. I especially commend the stand taken on the Life Extension problem. Dr. Vecki, I am sure, will incorporate in his report all that would be of interest to our State Society.

H. Lisser—Much to my regret I was unable to go on to the American Medical Association convention last May, and therefore have no report to make. I am under the impression that my alternate, Doctor Stevens, was likewise unable to attend.

Robert V. Day—I haven't any report to make, and consequently it will not be necessary for you to arrange any time for me to speak.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

New Members—Bard S. Berry, Arthur E. Kaelbar, Robertson Ward, San Francisco; Clyde W. Bice, Frank R. Johnston, Oakland; Burfee Cooper, Hoopa, Humboldt County; Frank K. Haight, Scotia, Humboldt County; Claude E. Norris, Samoa, Humboldt County; George H. Rue, Calistoga; Lewis H. Sanborn, Represa, Sacramento County; John Milton Scanlan, Imola; James W. Sherrill, La Jolla; George S. Weger, San Diego.

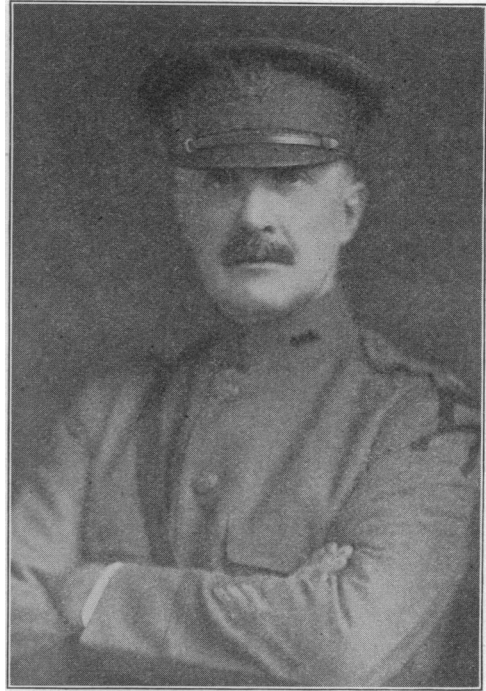
Deaths—**Barton, Herbert P.** Died at Los Angeles, October 15, 1925, age 59. Graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, 1890. Licensed in California in 1898. Doctor Barton was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

Dresser, Ralph O. Died at San Francisco, September 28, 1925, age 49. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, 1901. Licensed in California the same year. Doctor Dresser was a member of the San Luis Obispo County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

Lux, Frederick William. Died at San Francisco, September 20, 1925, age 64. Graduate of the Medical School of Harvard University, Boston, Mass., 1885. Licensed in California the same year. Doctor Lux was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

Taylor, Albert Miles. Died at San Francisco, Septem-

ber 18, 1925, age 67. Graduate of the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis. Licensed in California in 1889. Doctor Taylor was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



RONALD E. SKEEL, M. D.
1869-1925

Doctor R. E. Skeel of Los Angeles died September 4, 1925, of thyroid toxemia following a serious influenza in January, 1925, and acute heart exhaustion while in the operating room in June, 1925.

Doctor Skeel will be best remembered in Los Angeles for the work he did in connection with the campaign for hospital betterment of the last few years. Several Los Angeles hospitals owe much of their improved facilities to his knowledge and his vigorous way of demanding and pushing through reforms in method and practice. He had done much along the same line in Cleveland before coming to Los Angeles.

His unselfish uplift interest was further shown by his continued effort and work in behalf of the Permanent Home for the Los Angeles County Medical Association. An article contributed by him in Bulletin No. 4, February 19, 1925, more accurately illustrates his point of view.

Doctor Skeel was born at Fulton, New York, on February 9, 1869. Graduated from medical college at Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1890. Was an intern at Cleveland in 1891 and 1892. Was in practice in Cleveland from 1892 until 1920. Married Alva P. Boepplee in 1893. Has one daughter, Mrs. H. V. Lee of San Diego, Calif. Was given honorary degree of M.A., by University of Michigan in 1915. Also M.S., by Ohio Wesleyan in the same year. Was made dean of Cleveland College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1902, and remained in this position until the merger of this school with Western Reserve University Medical School in 1911. This merger was in large part due to his efforts. He taught both obstetrics and gynecology during his college work. Was president of American Association Obstetricians and Gynecologists in 1921-1922. His work on gynecology and pelvic surgery was published by Blackston's Son & Co. in 1916; also a second edition. Fellow of American College of Surgeons. Member American Medical Association. In 1917 he went to Europe and did volunteer work with both the French and British armies. Transferred to the American Expeditionary Force in 1918, and saw front line and all other kinds of surgical duty until mustered out with rank of major in 1919.